

IN THE CLAIMS

~~Please cancel claims 1-6.~~

Please add new claims 7-15 as follows (for the Examiner's convenience, all of the claims pending after entry of this Amendment are presented below):

*Sub B2* 7. (New) An isolated polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:3.

8. (New) An isolated polypeptide consisting of a fragment of a polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:3, wherein the fragment comprises at least 5 contiguous amino acids of SEQ ID NO:3.

9. (New) An isolated polypeptide consisting of a naturally occurring allelic variant of a polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:3, wherein the polypeptide is encoded by a nucleic acid molecule which hybridizes to a nucleic acid molecule comprising SEQ ID NO:3 under stringent conditions.

10. (New) A polypeptide which is at least 60% homologous to a polypeptide encoded by the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:3.

*a! Sub B2* 11. (New) The isolated polypeptide of claim 8, further comprising heterologous amino acid sequences.

12. (New) A vector which is capable of producing a polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:3

13. (New) The vector of claim 12, which is an expression vector.

14. (New) A host cell transfected with the vector of claim 12.

15. (New) A method of producing a polypeptide comprising culturing a host cell transfected with the vector of claim 9 in an appropriate culture medium to, thereby, produce the polypeptide.